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House Bill 2802

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to lump sum payments of permanent partial disability awards; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 656.230.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 656.230 is amended to read:

656.230. (1) When a worker has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, **and the total amount of the award does not exceed \$6,000, the insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay the total amount of the award to the worker in a lump sum payment.**

(2)(a) **Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, when a worker has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, the total amount of the award exceeds \$6,000 and the worker requests payment of all or part of the award in a lump sum payment, the insurer or self-insured employer shall make the payment requested [unless the] if:**

[a] (A) **The worker has [not] waived the right to [appeal the adequacy of the award;] request reconsideration of the notice of closure; or**

[b] (B) **The award has [not] become final by operation of law[;].**

(b) **The insurer or self-insured employer is not required to make the payment requested if:**

(A) **The insurer or self-insured employer timely requests reconsideration of the notice of closure under ORS 656.268 (5)(e) and the reconsideration proceeding has not yet been completed;**

[c] (B) **Payment of compensation has been stayed pending a request for hearing or review under ORS 656.313; or**

[d] (C) **The worker is enrolled and actively engaged in training according to rules adopted pursuant to ORS 656.340 and 656.726.**

(2) (3) **Any unpaid balance of the award that is not paid in a lump sum payment shall be paid pursuant to ORS 656.216.**

(3) *In all cases where the award for permanent partial disability does not exceed \$6,000, the insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay all of the award to the worker in a lump sum.*

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 656.230 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to claims in which a notice of closure is issued on or after January 1, 2026.

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